

Sports

by Mary Angie DeLazio

On January 30, shouts of joy were heard at the M.P.B. gym. The Highacres Women's Basketball Team opened its season with a 46-17 victory over the Scranton Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. Wearing their uniforms for the first time, the girls outscored their opponents 18-9, in the first quarter. The girls' defense stiffened in the second quarter preventing the opponents from scoring, while their offense scored six, placing the score at the end of the first half 24-9. Highacres' offense in the third quarter ran wild, scoring 20 points to Scranton's 4. In the final quarter, the pace of the game slowed down for Highacres when Scranton outscored them, 4-2. The final score was 46-17.

Although it was their first game of the season, the girls played well as a team, and with more practice they will surely be a strong competitor in their remaining games. The girls who make up the team are Sandi Gross, Debbie Hoffman, Mary Beth Pollock, Rita Reck, Theresa Kranyock, Randi Herschel, and the co-captains, who were elected by their teammates, Carole Shenosky, and Mary Angie DeLazio.

Even though the team won so easily, they continue to practice for their upcoming games. At the time of this writing, the girls and their coach, Deidre Jago were eagerly awaiting their game with the Schuylkill Campus of Penn State. Schuylkill has had more competition than Highacres, but the girls are hoping that they can outmaneuver their opponent. After the "big game," the girls will play a rematch with Scranton at Scranton. The rematch should be another interesting game for Highacres, considering that Scranton will have the home court advantage.

On February 23, the girls will travel to Ogontz, when all their practice and games will culminate in a tournament with first place and a trophy as stakes. The girls are hoping that all their practice and hard work will pay off, and they will reign as champions of the tournament.

Special thanks should go to two people who gave up their time to come to the games and keep the score and time for the team. The girls are Mary Ann McGlory and Theresa Zola. These girls did an excellent job. Thanks, girls, for a job well done. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Spaulding Basketball Team captured the Kruller League this season.

Lions keep winning

by BILL MICHAEL

The National Collegiate Sports Service has ranked Joe Paterno of Penn State as the "winningest major college, football coach" for the fourth straight year. During his eight years as Penn State's Head Coach, Paterno has compiled an impressive 75 win-13 loss-1 tie record and a .848 winning percentage.

Paterno led the 1973 Lions to a perfect 12-0 record for the third time in the last six years, topping off each of his perfect seasons with Orange Bowl victories. The coach has also been acclaimed for his historic 23 straight wins and 31 consecutive games without a loss.

Coach Paterno's judgement that this year's team was his best is reflected by NFL scouts, who picked one half of the ten drafted Lions in the first two rounds.

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